

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 797 - SB 1262

March 19, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes home school students to participate in extracurricular athletic activities of the public school in which they are eligible to attend. Requires any participating home school student to demonstrate educational progress in all subjects through methods agreed to by the student's parents and the principal of the participant's school. Requires local education agencies who provide student insurance for extracurricular activities to extend that coverage to a home school student.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Home school students will pay participation or activity fees equal to those charged to public school students.
- Fixed number of athletes per team. Home school students will compete for a team spot. Local education agencies may incur a nominal cost for uniforms or equipment. Any cost incurred by state or local government is estimated to be not significant.
- According the Department of Education, some LEAs may already permit home school students to participate in regular public school extracurricular activities.
- Any increase in local expenditures to cover home school students under an LEA's insurance for students participating in extracurricular activities is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director